

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you regarding Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary. While I have heard on television that you have offered Senator Kerry to respond, it is clear that this program is designed to influence the American people and even if Kerry were to respond, Sinclair clearly has the control over how it is presented. Sinclair Broadcasting has made a decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election and is an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I urge you to reconsider your decision in regards to the matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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